MEDI-CAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM UPDATE

April 14, 2004

REQUESTS FOR RETROACTIVE MEDI-CAL

Although most requests for retroactive coverage are made at the time of application, it is not uncommon for an applicant/beneficiary to make such a request at some point after the approval of ongoing benefits. These requests must be processed, regardless of when the request is made, providing that the period of retro requested is within the 3 months immediately preceding the month of application.

LETTERS OF AUTHORIZATION (MC 180) "Over One Year Letters" for SSI Recipients

Due to recent activity regarding the issuance of the MC 180, staff is reminded that the MC 180 "Over One Year Letter" may only be issued on behalf of an SSI/SSP beneficiary if the request is made within 6 months of the decision approving SSI/SSP benefits or within 4 months of the most recent SDX update.

Staff should refer to Medi-Cal Eligibility Procedures Manual, Article 14E, for more detailed instruction regarding this subject.

MSR AUTOMATION PILOT

The South Family District will pilot the MSR Tracking System begining April 10th and ending May 31, 2004. This Pilot will measure the effectiveness of the new stand-alone automated tracking system. The MSR Tracking System will track the status of each MSR, and generate reports, the MC 355 and appropriate Notices of Action. This interim system will be used until LEADER programming is completed.

30-DAY "CURE"

When a beneficiary submits a complete MSR or Redetermination form within 30 days after the discontinuance date, the report must be evaluated for continued eligibility. If it is considered complete and continued eligibility exists, the discontinuance action must be rescinded and an appropriate NOA sent.

Information Follow Up

When processing a M/C Redetermination, any time information is missing, incomplete or conflicting, follow up action must be taken to verify and/or clarify these discrepancies with the beneficiary before filing the redetermination and approving ongoing eligibility.

1931(b) Sneede v Kizer Prorated FPL Income & Property Levels 04/01/04

I. MBU w/adult and or Unborn				
Person Type	Income	Property		
- Single Parent - Single Parent with Unborn - Married Couple - Two Adults - Married Couple - with Unborn - Unmarried Couple - Each Unmarried Partner	\$776 \$1,041 \$1,041 \$1,306 \$776	\$3,000 \$3,000 \$3,000 \$3,150 \$3,000		

II. MBU Contains Adult(s) and Child(ren)

Allow the full non-Sneede Section 1931(b) income/property limits for the MBU based on the # of individuals in the MBU.

III. MBU Contains Nonparent Caretaker Relative, child(ren) who live w/no parents living in the home, or child(ren) whose parent is PA/Other PA or Not in the MFBU.

Each MBU receives full non-Sneede(b) income/property limit based on the # of persons in the MBU. If there is a pregnant minor in the MFBU, include the unborn in the pregnant minor's MBU.

IV. MBU Contains Only Children who live w/one or both parents (not stepparents) & are in the same MFBU. (Do not include a parent who is PA/Other PA & not in the MFBU. Also, if there is a pregnant minor in the MFBU, her unborn is considered as another child in the pregnant minor's MBU)

Children	One Parent		Two Parents	
in MBU	Income	Property	Income	Property
1	\$521	\$1,500	\$436	\$1,050
2	\$871	\$2,100	\$786	\$1,650
3	\$1,179	\$2,475	\$1,102	\$2,070
4	\$1,469	\$2,760	\$1,401	\$2,400
5	\$1,751	\$3,000	\$1,690	\$2,879
6	\$2,028	\$3,215	\$1,974	\$2,925
7	\$2,303	\$3,413	\$2,253	\$3,150
8	\$2,575	\$3,600	\$2,529	\$3,360
9	\$2,845	\$3,780	\$2,801	\$3,437
10	\$3,112	\$3,819	\$3,071	\$3,500

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